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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Local internet providers are important for consumer choice and provide a necessary antidote to corporate monopolies. After having been stuck with Comcast as my only viable ISP, I was recently able to upgrade to Sonic Fiber as fantastic alternative to high price access providers. We dont need artificial increases in internet and phone service - lobbied for by corporate interests. Competition is good for consumers and drives innovation and service improvements. Monopolies will always fight these innovative efforts to protect quarterly results and stock holder returns. Affordable broadband access and phone service, provided by a myriad of national and local providers remains essential for individuals like me as well as schools and businesses around us.

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